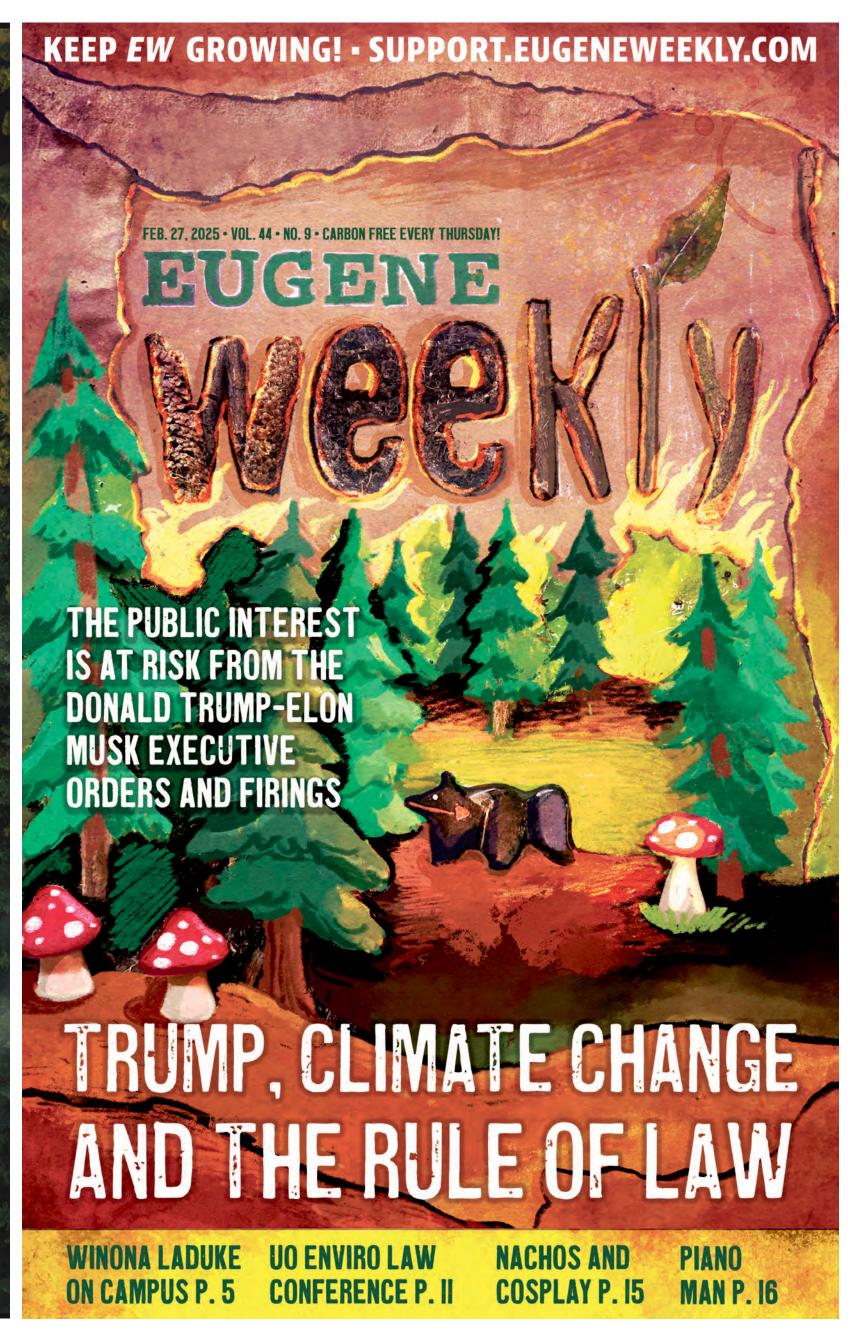
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#### **OPINION**

## letters

#### A Fuck Too Far

I've been unhappy about the routine appearance of four letter words in print in your publication for some time. Your Love and Sex issue was the last straw (EW, 2/13). The "F\*\*king around..." headline is more than I am willing to put up with. If you want decent people to read your rag, you can't be printing gutter language. I'll be leaving the Weekly in the box after this.

Lee Rothrock

Springfield

#### The Bible Over the Gun

As a Vietnam Veteran who left my M-16 in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, 53 years ago, there is no reason why I should own a M-16 or AR-15 to parade in public.

I salute Debra McGee of Eugene for her letter (EW, 2/20) by calling out the "Gun Toting and Bible Quoting" current president of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, David Loveall. What is Loveall so afraid of having to strap on his AK-47? I wonder if Loveall purchased for the sum of \$60 the Donald Trump Bible?

The Bible quoting Loveall must surely believe that Trump was sent from God — he will protect you, not your AR-15. The AR-15 has been used in countless mass shootings in the United States. There were more than 500 mass shootings in 2024, and close to 30 so far this year. Since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 there have been zero mass shootings in Vietnam. Do the math, Commissioner Loveall! I pray you use your Bible, and not your AR-15, if you are ever faced with the choice.

Frank Harper Eugene

#### Support the Workers

Last year, Bigfoot Beverages company hired an expensive, cracker jack lawyer with a reputation for union busting, but five months into a Teamsters Local 324 strike for a new contract with solid pension benefits, the Bigfoot Beverages picket lines in Eugene and Springfield and cities around the state are holding.

And that's in spite of the company allowing non-union "scab" workers to vote (illegally!) last year against union representation that tilted the vote outcome against the Teamsters union. Consequently, the company bosses would say they no longer recognize the striking union members standing (read: unfair labor practice lawsuit). Perhaps another ploy recommended by the union-busting lawyer in order to earn his hefty fee.

So I ask you: Instead of automatically reaching for that next can of soda, beer or cider in your local grocery store, corner market or university/college cafeteria, take a minute to check out the website BoycottBigfoot.now to see which local businesses and breweries are supporting the 150 strikers and their families and how you can stand with them for workers' rights and the unions that protect them.

Karen Myers Eugene

#### Thanks for the Patience

Accompanying a family member on two recent full-night visits to the PeaceHealth emergency room, leading to another night in the hospital, while taxing for us both, ultimately became an edifying experience.

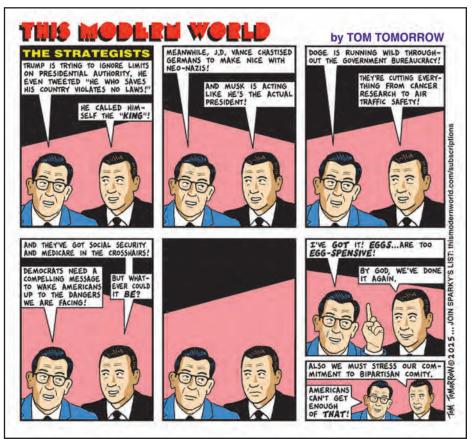
Despite being overburdened with patients waiting to see a physician (including some stretched out on the floor!), while those with even more urgent needs were attended to, all whom we encountered among the ER staff exemplified helpfulness, warmth and compassion: nurses, doctors, technicians and security people. More than what's reasonable was being asked of them.

But everyone somehow maintained a caring attitude. It was incredible, especially in light of the fact that they evidently do the same thing day after day.

Jeff Cina Eugene

#### There Are No Saints

I read with interest the Kirchenkampf described by Dan Bryant (EW, 2/13). The church in Nazi Germany was divided in their



support for Hitler during WWII. Among the opposition cited by Bryant was Martin Niemoller, who was no saint himself.

Although his staunch opposition to Hitler was laudable, even landing him in a concentration camp in 1937, he was also a product of his time. This includes harboring antisemitic views in a nation that had a centuries-long tradition of antisemitism. While he was opposed to the Nazi's wholesale slaughter of the Jews, he still agreed with the concept of the Jew as evil.

As he stated in a sermon in 1937: "We

speak of the 'eternal Jew' and conjure up the picture of a restless wanderer who has no home and cannot find peace. We see a highly gifted people which produces idea after idea for the benefit of the world, but whatever it takes up becomes poisoned, and all that it ever reaps is contempt and hatred because ever and anon the world notices the deception and avenges itself in its own way." (Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust, Daniel Goldhagen, page 112). He continues on to condemn the Nazis by comparing

them to the Jews, and blames the Jews for the death of Christ (ibid, pg. 518).

We must remember that even the greatest heroes in history often still were indoctrinated with the prejudices of their time and particular location in the world.

Eugene

#### Label Them Judah **Nationalists**

Thank you for printing Dan Bryant's heartfelt column in your Feb. 13 edition ("An Unwelcome Word of Mercy").

I am not a practicing Christian, but neither is Billy Graham's nasty offspring. I don't know where Billy was when his son was supposed to be learning the difference between right and wrong. Graham and self-identified Christian nationalists do not agree with anything that Jesus stood for. If they were being honest, since they are betraying Christ, they should change their label to Judah nationalists.

> Ken Rosemarin Eugene

## Local Viewpoint by By Hunter Briggs

# **INMATE MAIL**

A new Oregon Department of Corrections rule on inmate mail has negative impacts

n July 2024, the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) filed a "notice of proposed rulemaking" that outlined changes for incoming mail sent to adults in custody. The rule change in the notice proposed new restrictions on the types of envelopes and paper, and the use of certain materials related to incoming mail.

I fear this ODOC rule change will increase the suffering of countless more adults in custody.

Specifically, this rule change proposed (1) prohibiting the use of crayons, markers and colored pencils on incoming mail, (2) prohibiting incoming greeting cards, post cards other cardstock, and paper other than standard-weight (20 pounds or less) white paper, and (3) prohibiting the use of commercially produced envelopes both non-white and larger than 9 x 12 inches.

The proposed rule change was accepted and eventually implemented for all mail postmarked after Jan. 13, 2025.

ODOC contends that this rule change will help prevent the "introduction of illicit drugs into Department of Corrections facilities," as part of its efforts to combat allegedly heightened drug presence in prisons — particularly with respect to fentanyl and other opiates.

Further, in its notice, ODOC claims that these changes will not negatively impact its economic interests or racial

equality within its facilities; in fact, ODOC maintains that this move will "positively impact" communities of color by creating "a culture of inclusivity, normalization and humanization," through prioritizing health and safety.

ODOC does not seem to have publicly acknowledged how this rule change could negatively impact adults in custody or their families on the outside.

Conversely, members of the public and other civil rights organizations such as the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC) assert that these changes are harmful not only to adults in custody, but also to their families and friends.

For instance, this rule change would prevent children from sending their incarcerated family members drawings in crayon, colored pencil or marker, because the only accepted forms of writing/drawing on incoming mail can be done in pen or lead pencil (or printer ink).

This strict allowance of limited writing/drawing mediums prevents adults in custody from receiving colorful art from children, friends and other family, to make their confined, institutional surroundings somewhat livelier and more reminiscent of those they love.

Interestingly, the OJRC notes that the Department of Corrections has not published any data or evidence to back its claim that increased amounts of illicit drugs are entering their facilities through incoming mail to justify this rule change, which is worth noting.

I think this rule change was a very bad idea. First, a uniquely punitive logic underlies this rule change, and it mirrors what corrections/rehabilitation departments are doing in other states, like California, Georgia and Texas.

For instance, in San Mateo County, California, adults in custody are not allowed to receive physical mail at all and must instead read/view their mail electronically. Given the harsh, nondescript and inherently punitive reality of living life in a cell, limiting adults in custody from receiving colorful stationary or cardstock seems cruel, even if done to promote health and safety.

Second, I do not think this rule change will significantly stop the flow of fentanyl and other illicit drugs into Oregon prisons. It is well documented that a majority of drugs smuggled into prisons come from prison staff and

Although the amount of fentanyl required to kill a human is very small, the feasibility that large amounts of illicit drugs are coming into prisons through crayon or colored pencil drawings, or even colored paper or cardstock, seems incredibly small at best, and generally absurd to base such a sweeping rule change on.

Finally, rule changes such as this pave the way for ODOC to make other seemingly small systemic changes that will ultimately contribute to further seclusion and demoralization of adults in custody.

Indeed, ODOC could mirror what San Mateo County is doing and prohibit inmates from receiving all physical mail in the name of health and safety, which would significantly impact adults in custody and their relations on the outside.

Additionally, moves like this on the part of the Department of Corrections — in the absence of increasing funding for treatment programs that could, in theory, reduce demand for illicit drugs in prisons — echoes a history of carceral approaches that neglect rooting out the causes of harm and instead punish individuals who are already

Hunter Briggs is a lifelong Eugenean studying law at the University of Oregon. Prior to law school, he studied and wrote about race, power, discrimination and the criminal justice system in the U.S., and is interested in researching the ways in which we can abolish harmful systems and build humane, transformative alternatives in their place.



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#### Bricks \$ Mortar by Christian Wintol

# **PROJECT DELAY**

Ten years on, another delay for giant Laurel Hill Valley project

Philomath-based real estate company spent a decade winning city planning approval to build a dense market-rate multi-family residential complex in the Laurel Hill Valley on Eugene's east side. But with that permission in hand, the company says it still has more permits to secure and must delay the start of construction..

The firm — the curiously named Environ-Metal Properties LLC — wants Eugene city planners to approve delays in building the 374-unit Laurel Ridge planned unit development. The company missed its previous timeline to start construction in 2023. Now, it wants construction to run 2026-2032. Under PUD rules, a developer can cluster more housing than normally allowed, but must meet conditions, including a timeline.

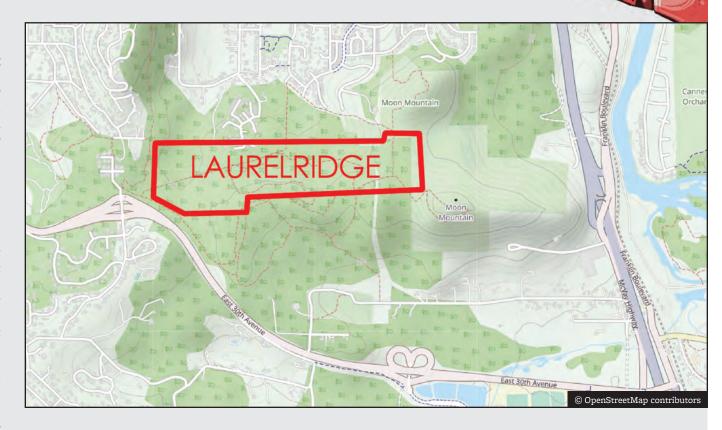
The new timeline "reflects the complexity of the project" and is "more realistic," says Environ-Metal's Jan. 30 application.

The company still needs engineering approvals from the city of Eugene for the network of roads it wants to build into the site, as well as Lane County approval for connecting the development's main entrance to East 30th Avenue, a county-owned road, says Steve King, an Environ-Metal manager.

"So many years, I've been fighting the bureaucracy," King tells *Eugene Weekly*. "I want to be playing with my grandkids and not having this on my back."

Environ-Metal's project ranks among the most bitterly contested and long-drawn-out in Eugene in recent years. Laurel Hill Valley residents spent the best part of a decade fighting the developer and raising money to hire land-use lawyers to file appeals. They feared disruption to their secluded neighborhood east of Hendricks Park.

More than a decade ago, Environ-Metal proposed 608 housing units on 121 acres of wooded, steep terrain north of East 30th Avenue, at the south end of Laurel Hill Valley. The project faced opposition from city planning



staff who said the concept was riddled with deficiencies. The sides disagreed on which parts of the land were designated for development in Eugene's long-range growth plan, and how many units and streets could be built legally and safely.

To win city planning approval, the development group, which includes Oregon GOP politician J. Frank Morse of Albany, eventually scaled down the project to 374 units on 98 acres.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO THROUGH-TRAFFIC**

But the neighborhood association, Laurel Hill Valley Citizens, continued to fight. Residents objected that the development would be accessed both from East 30th and from streets in Laurel Hill Valley. They worried about through-traffic clogging their local streets.

In 2021, the association appealed the city's approval to the state Land Use Board of Appeals — the special court that hears land-use disputes. Late that year, LUBA let the city's planning

approvals stand.

"Our position that the through-route is not compliant with the neighborhood plan has not changed, but since we lost the appeal at the state level, the matter is settled," Alex Do, a neighborhood leader, told *EW*.

The 374 units and their access roads would go on the western 40 acres of the property, off East 30th Avenue. The remaining roughly 58 acres is set aside in a permanently protected forest zone, to be left largely undeveloped but for a through road into Laurel Hill Valley.

The development would likely consist of a mix of rental apartments and condominiums, but details, including prices, have not been set, King says.

Environ-Metal — the name reflects the company's origins in specialty ammunition manufacturing — is moving slowly. The proposed new timeline has the first half of the development being built and occupied in 2026-2030, and the second half in 2031-2033.

#### **MIXED FEELINGS**

Laurel Hill Valley resident Stan Dura says the project split neighbors.

Longtime residents "want to keep as much of that old personality and feel as much as possible," Dura tells the *Weekly*. Newer residents are more open to development, although not at the expense of safety, he says.

Dura says he has mixed feelings.

"I understand the appeal of a closeknit neighborhood," he says. "But I also realize the reality that the city needs to grow up and not out, and that doing so has long-term benefits while sacrificing short-term interests."

He also worries the city administration may weary of neighborhood involvement and criticism, and that neighborhood associations have become antagonistic toward city officialdom.

Bricks \$ Mortar is a column anchored by Christian Wihtol, who worked as an editor and writer at The Register-Guard in Eugene 1990-2018, much of the time focused on real estate, economic development and business. Reach him at Christian@EugeneWeekly.com.

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# Wake Up America

Indigenous environmental activist and author Winona LaDuke to give a lecture on the protection of Mother Earth

**BY EMILY ROGERS** 

n Feb. 18, Winona LaDuke, a longtime Indigenous land rights and environmental activist as well as author, woke up to a bitter cold in White Earth, Minnesota, home of the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. "It was minus 25 this morning when I woke up. It's supposed to be like that, it's Minnesota," LaDuke says.

Arctic air has been blasting through the state leaving Minnesota with below-average temperatures for the better part of February. But this doesn't phase LaDuke. This chill is something that she's used to, something she expects, and it is something she is fighting against climate change to preserve.

Since the 1980s LaDuke has been leading environmental efforts based on Indigenous land knowledge. LaDuke was primarily raised in Oregon, and will speak March 4 at the University of Oregon on "Prophecies, Seeds, and the Rights of Mother Earth."

Last month, when President Donald Trump was sworn in, he issued an executive order "Unleashing American Energy," which included terminating the Green New Deal and halting federal funds to federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.

LaDuke has survived the Trump administration before, and this time she says she believes that we all need to do our part in aiding Mother Earth. "Wake up America," LaDuke says, "I would really like to see people get over

their own personal agendas and work together for a common good."

Lately, LaDuke has been rolling up her sleeves and doing her part by bearing witness to the *Greenpeace v. Energy Transfer Partners* trial. LaDuke will be flying to Oregon after the first day of the trial in North Dakota. "I'm going to be coming from the front lines of the judicial malfunctions of this country," LaDuke says.

The Greenpeace Energy Transfer Partners trial is what LaDuke and others describe as a "SLAPP" suit — strategic lawsuit against public participation. Energy Transfer Partners is suing Greenpeace for \$300 million, alleging defamation, trespassing, vandalism and violence by protesters protesting against the Dakota Access Pipeline. The pipeline crosses the Missouri River upstream

from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation, which the tribe fears could affect the Indigenous land's water supply.

"That whole regulatory capture, and theft of justice that is going down, I'm going to go bear witness, and I'll be in and out of that trial all spring," LaDuke says. In the middle of work LaDuke is coming to the University of Oregon for her lecture, but also for her loyalty to Oregon.

"I'm going folk dancing with my mother, and I'm going

to have two left feet, she's really good, and then I'm going to come up to see you guys with my mother,"

LaDuke says, "So I have a very deep loyalty to Oregon. It is where most of my development, of my personality and integrity came from."

LaDuke's mother, Betty LaDuke, is an artist and activist who has multiple works that have passed through Eugene. Betty LaDuke will also be a part of lectures Winona LaDuke will be giving to various classrooms across UO campus during her time here.

"This is a really important

WINONA LADUKE Photo by Todd Cooper

"This is a really important lecture, and I'm honored to give it," LaDuke says.

Winona LaDuke's lecture and Q&A is

5 pm March 4 in the UO's Erb Memorial Union Ballroom. The event is put on by UO Native American Indigenous Studies; Community Rights Lane Native Youth Wellness Program; Protect Lane County Watersheds; Oregon Rights Network; and the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network, and is a part of her journey across states to spread education and bear witness to climate injustices.

The event is free.



# **EUGENE'S \$10 CAP ON RENTAL APPLICATION FEES UPHELD**

The Oregon Supreme Court rejected a petition from landlords for review of the fee cap. For tenant advocates, it's a victory for housing access.

#### **BY BAILEY MEYERS**

ugene's \$10 cap preventing landlords and property management companies from imposing high application fees on prospective tenants will remain. On Feb. 20, the Oregon Supreme Court denied Thorin Properties' petition for review after the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the city of Eugene in August for the enforcement of the \$10 cap on rental application fees.

Housing advocates say the decision is a win for those with barriers to housing access, and want to take the cap to the state level — something the landlords strongly oppose.

The original complaint, submitted in November 2022 by Thorin Properties and Jennings Group, argued that the city's rule was in violation of Oregon's Residential and Landlord Tenant Act, which allows landlords to collect fees to cover necessary screening processes.

Jennings Group partner and CEO Darren Stone says he was "a little surprised" by the Oregon Supreme Court's decision to deny review. According to Stone, the district court interpreted a landlord's ability to recoup their application costs as outlined in ORLTA as a right, but the appellate court had a different interpretation.

"The appellate court essentially said that it's not granted in Chapter 90, it's permitted," he says. "Therefore, a municipality can place restrictions on what's permitted without pre-empting." Pre-empting, in this context, means overriding or conflicting with a higher legal authority, such as state law.

Stone says that application fees are important in order for landlords to accurately screen prospective tenants to ensure that consumer protections are in place. These protections include disclosing how applications will be judged and deposit and rental fees.

"Some landlords don't want to provide those types of consumer protections so they don't charge application fees," Stone says. "This way they don't have to comply with the administrative burden of consumer protections."

Eugene Tenant Alliance, a renter's advocacy group, says it believes the \$10 cap is critical for vulnerable populations facing housing insecurity.

"Application fees have the most pronounced effect on tenants who apply to multiple properties," Adriana Grant, policy associate with Eugene Tenant Alliance, says. "Repeat applicants can tend to be those with barriers to accessing housing, like evictions, criminal histories, poor credit... and individuals from marginalized communities are disproportionately affected by these barriers."

According to Grant, Black and Latino applicants are twice as likely to submit five or more rental applications when searching for housing compared to white people.

Eugene Tenant Alliance hopes to take the ordinance statewide as the nonprofit is currently advocating for House Bill 2967, which aims to take away rental application fees statewide.

"This [\$10 cap] is a very big win," Grant says. "But our work is not done, to say the least."

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# slant Still Printing!



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#### BY EW EDITORIAL STAFF

>> City Club of Eugene will feature your favorite commie rag on Friday. More precisely, City Club will discuss "The State of Electronic Media in Eugene" at noon Feb. 28 at the WOW Hall, 291 West 8th Avenue. Eugene Weekly Editor Camilla Mortensen will talk about this alternative weekly newspaper, its news coverage and aspirations. KLCC News Director Chris Lehman will discuss KLCC's public radio and digital news coverage. And California-based news entrepreneur Ken Doctor will chat about his paywall-based digital news site Lookout Eugene Springfield.

>> We're still team-print-newspaper here at Eugene Weekly and so is Lane Community College's *The Torch* newspaper, which made its print return last week! Pick up a copy on campus or here at *EW* — full disclosure, the *Weekly's* editor advises the student paper, but the stories — and print return — are all driven by LCC's students and their hard work! Check them out (and give them a shoutout) at LCCTorch.com.

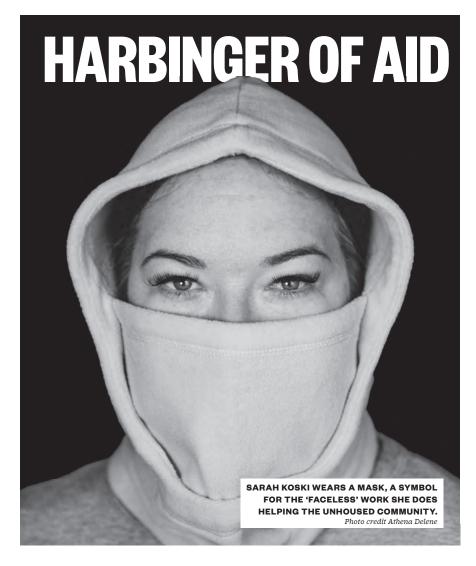
>> Speaking of our local community college, the race is on for the May 20 LCC Board of Education election — four seats are on the ballot. Former Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust and Jeffery Cooper have filed for the Zone 1 seat, currently held by Denise Diamond, representing western Lane County. Julie Weismann has filed for re-election to her Zone 3 seat representing Springfield. Austin Fölnagy who represents Zone 4, eastern Lane County, has filed for re-election in May and is challenged by Richard Vasquez. And two of the candidates who were not appointed to the Zone 7 at-large seat vacated by Lisa Fragala when she was elected to the Oregon Legislature have filed to fill that seat, Jesse Maldonado and Bob Brew.

>> Celebrate Housing! Cultivate, Inc. is celebrating its Grant Street Grow Homes. Cultivate is an architecture firm offering middle housing development. This is Cultivate's second collaborative housing development in Eugene-Springfield, and while these homes have already sold, interested folks should connect with DevNW or SquareOne Villages to learn about future opportunities for affordable homeownership. Cultivate says, "The four new net zero energy homes will be permanently affordable and are designed to 'grow.' The full-height unfinished attic is designed to give the owners the opportunity to add two bedrooms and a bathroom to grow the home with their family." The project was made possible through Eugene's Afford-

able Housing Trust Fund, and "local social impact investors." There will be an open house 4 pm-6 pm Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1932 Grant Street.

>> Activist Alert: Protest takes many forms. Sometimes it looks like calls for a nationwide economic blackout, sometimes it's a series of "Not My President's Day" marches and sometimes, when the stars align, it's the U.S. Army Chorus singing a refrain from Les Misérables' "Epilogue" at the National Governors' Association Dinner, with President Trump in the audience. The musical, which details a social revolution and the fight against the ruling class, has become a rallying cry for Americans against MAGA. Witnessing "Will you join in our crusade? / Who will be strong and stand with me? / Somewhere beyond the barricade / Is there a world you long to see?" being sung in the White House warmed our cold little hearts. If it gets you amped and ready to peacefully protest, head over to Eugene City Hall at noon March 4 for the March 4th for Democracy rally. Got a rally or protest you want the word out about? Email it to Editor@Euge-

>> The Public Interest Environmental Law Conference is this weekend at the University of Oregon School of Law. See our story in this issue, and if you are at the PIELC gathering on Sunday, say congratulations to longtime Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide Executive Director Bern Johnson, who will receive the 2025 David Brower Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is "presented to activists and attorneys who exemplify the spirit and accomplishments of Brower" who was an executive director of the Sierra Club and the founder of Friends of the Earth. Johnson is the son of longtime EW owners Anita and Art Johnson.



LTD's Homelessness and Community Liaison Sarah Koski has made it her personal mission to help the homelessness crisis in Eugene

#### **BY JESSE CORONADO**

'reditIt's 6 am, and the silence of the cool morning dies as a bus rolls in and Sarah Koski arrives at the Lane Transit District's Customer Service Building with storage bins in her hands.

On almost every block near the downtown LTD station, people sleep bundled in sleeping bags or blankets; others, not so lucky, have little to shield them. As soon as the sun rises, Koski will be able to provide outreach services to them.

Koski was hired as LTD's homelessness and community resource liaison in November 2023. Before dedicating herself to help people experiencing homelessness, Koski worked in a global multiagency collective at the American Red Cross. Now, as someone who creates solutions for this community, she spends most of her time providing outreach to people living on the streets.

Before LTD, Koski was hired at a St. Vincent de Paul Safe Sleep Site on Garfield, a shelter made up of tents. Koski says she "wanted the whole experience of working minimum wage" to understand people who help the unhoused community.

Last year, Koski was recognized with a Oregon Woman of Achievement Award from the Oregon Commission for Women, and gave a TedX talk on homelessness at Edmonds College in Washington. "Doing this has been the best thing that ever happened to me. It's where I found my true calling," she says.

The LTD community resource liaison position is possibly the first of its kind in the nation. Places such as Los Angeles and Portland have similar roles, but they typically operate through the lens of public safety. Koski's job takes a broader approach.

"I bring information back to LTD, and what I've noticed is that about 70 percent of the projects I've been able to pitch have been green-lit, which is astronomical," Koski says. She says it's a "Sarah statistic" — an estimation.

Before walking the areas where she does outreach, Koski attempts to unlock her office door. The scanner declines the keycard. It's too early for entry, so she walks to the opposite side of the station and, like the folks she does outreach to, stashes her empty bins behind a bush.

Stashing items in bushes is common for unhoused individuals. Sweeps, or camp cleanups, from the city and no storage opportunities often require stashing belongings. Someone losing their belongings equates to losing livelihood, autonomy and starting from scratch.

Koski wears a backpack and a dark brown jacket, her long dark brown hair draping down her side. She smiles a lot and has what her friends describe as "11 laughs," that boom.

Koski uses research-based statistics to report back to LTD to build programs.

She came from an upper-middle-class family in Salem. Very early in her academic career, she was labeled "double certified talented and gifted," testing in the top 6 percent in the nation.

"I was raised with a very elitist mentality," Koski says. "I basically had become this academic elite. What happens with that is, it means there's a hierarchy that because of my intellect or my schooling,

I am therefore better than you."

She describes feeling "heartbroken" that she held these beliefs and remembered how she felt a loss of identity in college. She says she would drink alcohol almost every night at the University of Oregon. She struggled with depression and "dystopic" feelings. The feelings were enough for UO Health Services to assign a clinician to support her each week.

"It was such a hard time because I don't know if a lot of people knew how bad it was for me," Koski says. "I was taught at a very young age to not say something was wrong."

Koski felt no one understood her experience. Now, she sees how this experience helps her relate to the unhoused people she helps.

"They might not be saying all the right things, or it might take 10 minutes of them mumbling to really ask for help." Koski says. "That is something relatable to me because it took a lot of courage for me to ask for help."

Koski came to the Christian faith in 2007 after she graduated from the UO. She says her faith helped her find meaning in life and understand "what love is," and it also gave her a sense of freedom from what she describes as a Kafkian "never ending labyrinth."

"I was learning myself through my newfound faith which was telling me that I can't be a pathological liar. I was a pathological liar because I didn't know what the truth was anymore. I didn't know who I was," she says.

Koski met Theresa Boudreau, White Bird Clinic's Navigation Empowerment Services Team interim coordinator, in August 2021. NEST connects unhoused folks to services and resources in Eugene.

"They are the ones who launched me into the work I do now. They are like my fairy godmothers," Koski says. "What I didn't realize is that they understood the two critical universes. The universe we are operating in now and the reality of the universe for people on the street."

For unhoused people living in the alternate reality, "seconds and minutes matter," according to Koski, Mental health crises require specialized care, there is the possibility of heatstroke under scorching heat or death in freezing weather.

"It takes courage to change one's perception and then act upon that new found knowledge," Boudreau says. "Sarah is an excellent example to those who think perceptions can't change."

In light of recent incidents on Hwy 99 in which drivers hit unhoused pedestrians, Koski has been considering ways city officials can use Vision Zero, an initiative used to prevent pedestrian injuries from vehicles, to focus on unhoused folks. She is also currently having conversations about how to bring public restrooms to Eugene. And phone charging stations are coming to encampments 2025 because of Koski.

"The most important thing to remember with community intent on solving homelessness is that there is not one thing we can do. It's the spirit of innovation that can help vulnerable communities, and bringing people who are experts in their field and not necessarily social work to birth new programs," Koski says.

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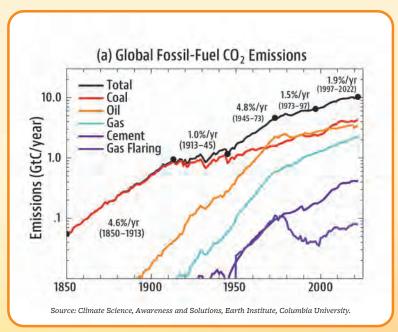
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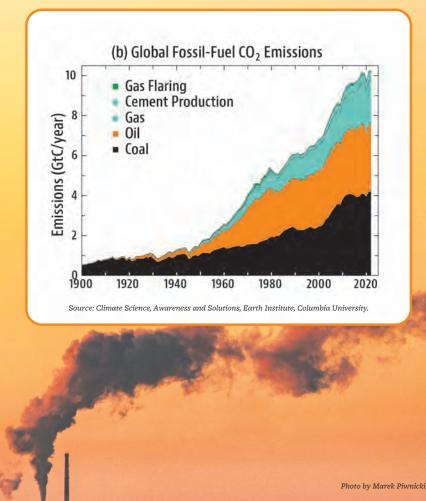
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#### FIGURES 1 (A) AND (B)





resident Donald J. Trump's project to take a chainsaw to duly authorized and appropriated funding — and eviscerate the very federal agencies that safeguard public health, safety, education and economic security — is generating a mounting resistance from leading scholars and angered citizens alike. In the balance resides not only the nation's core institutions but also our ability to respond to overarching challenges, including that presented by dangerous climate change.

Early reaction has focused on the indiscriminate firing, by Trump and his eager junior partner Elon Musk, of hundreds of federal workers tasked with mission-critical assignments. Especially glaring was their sacking of 350 National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) employees, because that action so manifestly jeopardized the near-term stability and security of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal.

Fortunately, in the face of an outcry from nuclear security experts, the Trump/Musk duo was forced to backpedal, and the NNSA is in process of rehiring the recently fired nuclear experts. At this writing, however, the duo has not similarly backed down from their dismissal of hundreds of Federal Aviation Administration workers — even as that agency presses to investigate a rash of deadly air crashes over the last month.

Through Feb. 22, at least 81 lawsuits have been filed to challenge the Trump/ Musk actions, on the grounds that they violate statutory or constitutional law. The actions challenged include the duo's freeze on government grants, loans and assistance programs; their termination of public watchdogs at eight federal agencies; their acquisition and disclosure of Americans' personal financial records to the unauthorized White House unit (the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency") that Musk is heading; their removal of health-related data from publicly accessible government websites; their reopening of the notorious Guantanamo prison as a detention center for undocumented immigrants; and more. (See Table 1: Executive Orders Already in the Dock.)

Some of the actions obviously violate the law. These include the executive order seeking to upend the constitutional right to birthright citizenship (as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment). They include, as well, executive orders targeting vulnerable minorities that are predicated on "unadulterated animus" — for instance, the obsessive depredation of transgender people. Judges, I think, will simply enjoin these moves — that is, if the judges themselves do not succumb to intimidation.

But other executive orders, although potentially harmful to core public concerns, may not be overturned by any near-term legal challenge. Why not? Due to lack of standing. A litigant has standing (that is, authority) to bring a case in federal court only where they've incurred actual or imminent injuries that are fairly traceable to the challenged action. And it may take a bit of time for injuries to materialize that are provably traceable to federal inaction or neglect.

A Feb. 18 executive order blandly titled "Ensuring Accountability for All Agencies" falls squarely in that category. Deriding "previous administrations [that] allowed so-called 'independent regulatory agencies' to operate with minimal Presidential supervision," the order places the White House Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in a squarely supervisory role over all federal agencies — with power to "adjust" their "apportionments by activity, function, project or object, as necessary and appropriate, to advance the President's policies and priorities."

It also declares that "[t]he President and the Attorney General, subject to the President's supervision and control, shall provide authoritative interpretations of law for the executive branch... No employee of the executive branch acting in their official capacity may advance an interpretation of the law... that contravenes the President or the Attorney General's opinion on a matter of law, including but not limited to the issuance of regulations, guidance, and positions advanced in litigation, unless authorized to do so by the President or in writing by the Attorney General."

What's wrong with all that?

For one thing, it virtually requires the administrators of each of the federal agencies to secure the president's personal signoff on every significant move and even, if they know what's good for them, before their agency's own serious consideration of any initiative. In conjunction with the order's investiture of budget clawback

power in OMB, it will require each agency's department head constantly to be on edge and on guard. Towards that point, the order also requires "the heads of independent regulatory agencies [to] establish a position of White House Liaison in their respective agencies."

The resulting triple self-checking is a recipe for agency paralysis, to the lasting detriment of average Americans and vulnerable communities alike who, of necessity, depend on federal leadership to establish and enforce minimum standards in public health, income support, environmental protection, food safety, transportation safety, civil rights, security of financial transactions and the like.

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I should also note, even at the risk of putting too fine a point on it, that the anticipated paralysis will be especially acute in light of Trump's own documented refusal to read substantive briefing reports.

How will any agency administrator even begin to seek Trump's informed consent on any substantial initiative that arguably restricts the freedom of action of one or another of Trump's corporate donors — including from fossil fuel titans, not to mention anything that might even incidentally reach Musk's exceptionally wide-ranging financial interests?

Most likely, one agency head after another will scramble to curry Trump's favor. Indeed, we've seen it already. Thus, in a Feb. 4 press release entitled, "ICYMI: Administrator Zeldin's 'Powering the Great American Comeback' Unveiled at the EPA," the Environmental Protection Agency praised Trump for "step[ping] away from an easy lifestyle." It also informed readers, including agency personnel, that EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin is "affectionately known in America First activist circles as 'the Legend of Zeldin," for his willingness to "take on one of the most entrenched bureaucracies in a capital city full of them." It then proceeds to pronounce that:

"Zeldin and his team are announcing 'Powering the Great American Comeback' [an initiative that] consists of five major pillars. The first is pushing for 'Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.' The second is to 'Restore American Energy Dominance,' and the third is for 'Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism and Cross-Agency Partnership.' The fourth pillar is to 'Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World,' and the fifth is 'Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs."

Several problems obviously infect EPA's





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#### **EXECUTIVE ORDERS ALREADY IN THE DOCK**

New Hampshire Indonesian Community Support v. Donald J. Trump (D.N.H.) No. 1:25-cv-38. Jan. 20, 2025. Revokes birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants on the basis that people in the United States illegally are not "subject to the jurisdiction thereof." Trump sued ground that the plain text of the 14th Amendment, as confirmed in U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark (1898), explicitly grants birthright citizenship for all people born in the United States.

City and County of San Francisco v. Donald J. Trump, et al (N.D. Cal.) Case No. 3:25-cv-01350. Feb. 7, 2005. Directs the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to withhold federal funds from sanctuary cities. The plaintiffs sued on Tenth Amendment's reservation of unenumerated power to the states, separation of powers, the spending clause, the Fifth Amendment's due process clause, and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Perez Parra v. Castro (D. N.M.) Case No. 1:24-cv-00912 Feb. 9, 2025. "Proclamation" purports to bar immigrants from invoking provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act that would permit them to remain in the United States while pursuing asylum claims. Plaintiffs argue the order is arbitrary, capricious, contrary to law and violates the separation of powers by exceeding presidential authority.

Public Citizen Inc et al v. Donald J. Trump and Office of Management and Budget (D.D.C.). Jan. 20, 2025. Renames the U.S. Digital Service as the U.S. DOGE Service and reestablishes the office under the Executive Office of the President. Challengers argue that the order violates the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which bars the delegation of decision-making authority to private citizens.

New York et al v. Donald J. Trump (S.D.N.Y.) Feb. 7, 2025. The Treasury Department granted DOGE-affiliated individuals access to sensitive personal and financial information maintained by the Treasury Department. Attorneys general of 19 states sued under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Gwynne A. Wilcox v. Donald J. Trump et al (D.D.C.) Feb. 5, 2025. Challenges removal of Gwynne A. Wilcox from her position as violation of the National Labor Relations Act which allows such removal only in cases of neglect of duty or malfeasance and only after notice and hearing.

National Treasury Employees Union v. Russell Vought (D.D.C.) Feb. 9, 2025.

Order freezing Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) work challenged as unlawful.

Storch et al. v. Hegseth et al. (D.D.C.) Feb. 12, 2025.

Two-sentence emails firing several Inspectors General (IGs) challenged as violating the Inspector General Act, which requires 30 days notification before an IG is removed and substantive, case-specific rationale for removal.

Maria Moe v. Donald Trump, et al (D. Mass.). Jan. 26, 2025. Executive Order mandating federal inmates be housed according to sex defined as "immutable biological classification," regardless of gender identity, challenged as violation of 5th and 8th Amendments.

Religious Society of Friends v. Homeland Sec. (D. Md.). Jan. 27, 2025.

26, 2025.

DHS issued directive allowing immigration enforcement in or near "sensitive" areas, such as places of worship, schools, and hospitals. Plaintiffs challenge as unconstitutional violation of the freedom of expressive association (1st Amendment).

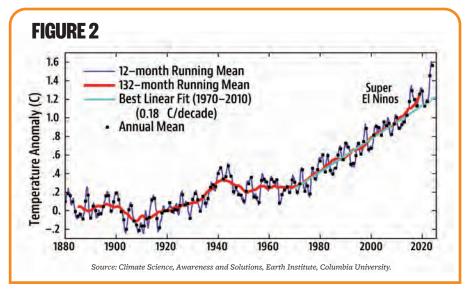
Table 1: Based on Just Security, Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions

#### EXECUTIVE AND CABINET ACTIONS REMOVING ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS TO "UNLEASH AMERICAN ENERGY"

SAFEGUARDS TO UNLEASH AMERICAN ENERGY	
Executive Order 14148. Jan. 20, 2025.	Rescinds Biden Executive Orders on Climate.
Executive Order 14162. Jan. 20, 2025.	Directs UN Ambassador to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement.
Executive Order 14154. Jan. 20, 2025.	Direct rapid development of fossil fuel resources and all associated infrastructure.
Executive Order 14156. Jan. 20, 2025.	Declares National Energy Emergency; encourages rapid development of fossil fuel resources and all associated infrastructure; remove all regulatory obstacles.
Secretarial Order 3417. Jan. 20, 2025.	Directs Department of the Interior to vastly accellerate domestic energy extraction.
Secretarial Order 3418. Jan. 20, 2025.	Prioritizes Department of Interior Fossil Fuel Development on public lands.
EPA Press Release. Feb. 4, 2025.	Announces "Powering the Great American Comeback," "restoring energy dominance."
Department of Energy Sec Order. Jan. 20, 2025.	Abandons net-zero goal and announces new determination to "unleash the great abundance of American energy required to power modern life."
Maria Moe v. Donald Trump, et al (D. Mass.). Jan. 26, 2025	Executive Order mandating federal inmates be housed according to sex defined as "immutable biological classification," regard-less of gender identity, challenged as violation of 5th and 8th

Table 2: Based on selected information from the Climate Backtracker project at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

Amendments.



release. Most importantly, the contemplated restoration of "energy dominance" is directly at odds with its saccharin goal of "clean air, clean land and clear water for every American" — given that "energy dominance" in the Trump Administration contemplates the full "unleashing" of the fossil fuel industry. (See Table 2: Executive and Cabinet Actions Removing Environmental Safeguards and "Unleashing American Energy.")

In particular, virtually unrestrained production and use of oil, gas and coal by the U.S. and the lesser but still important high-historic-emitting nations — in descending order, China, Russia, Brazil and Indonesia — has already resulted in a substantial overshoot of the safe level of atmospheric CO2. Figures 1 (a) and (b) immediately below illustrate the continued growth and, indeed, acceleration in recent years of fossil fuel emissions. (Figure 1: Fossil Fuel CO2 Emissions. Source: Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions, Columbia University.)

Moreover, in combination with a *decline* in selected aerosol emissions (emissions of which tend to *reduce* global warming) we are now in the midst of an exceptionally lethal period of global warming acceleration — as the renowned climate scientist James E. Hansen and colleagues have pointed out. (See Figure 2. Source: Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions, Columbia University.)

Continuation on our present path serves only to amplify the chance of non-linear sea-level rise and a slowing or potential shut-down of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC). Because the AMOC transmits heat from the Southern Ocean to northern latitudes, its disruption could shift rainfall patterns (imposing drought on millions), accelerate sea-level rise along the U.S. eastern seaboard, and induce both significant temperature falls and agricultural failure across Europe.

Other impacts of continued or accelerating global warming include recurrent and amplified wildfires across the American West, as occurred most recently in the Los Angeles burn — not to mention the 2020 wildfires up the McKenzie River Valley to the east of Eugene. This simply does not end well for our children and their progeny, unless we can turn things around without much additional delay.

I've written this piece while attending a conference in Washington, D.C. that is concerned with the fate of federal environmental law in 2025 and beyond. A comment here by Shawn Latourette, the state of New Jersey's commissioner of Environmental Protection, merits reporting here because it ties in with the EPA announcement. Virtually every practitioner of environmental law, he claimed, favors some sort of "permitting reform," but in the present "overarching umbrella of chaos and confusion" induced by Trump's unlawful orders and actions, nothing productive is likely to be achieved.

The resulting triple self-checking is a recipe for agency paralysis, to the lasting detriment of average Americans and vulnerable communities alike who, of necessity, depend on federal leadership to establish and enforce minimum standards in public health, income support, environmental protection, food safety, transportation safety, civil rights, security of financial transactions and the like.

Still, and perhaps especially at this stage, creative pathways need to be forged so that we might secure a measure of progress even in the face of the atavistic changes at the agencies and in the White House. At the 43rd Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Feb. 27 to March 2 at the University of Oregon, environmental law practitioners and activists alike will no doubt consider creative ways to constrain the drive by Trump officials to vastly accelerate exploitation of fossil fuel and other natural resources within and beyond our borders.

I suggest adding, as well, the need to restrain the administration's drive to undermine the rule of law. Because without that, we are close to sunk. It is frankly difficult to determine whether we are now in the early or late stage of the battle to preserve the rule of law, the foundation of our democratic republic. The entire topic is one to which we should have occasion soon to return.

Dan Galpern is executive director and general counsel of the nonprofit group Climate Protection and Restoration Initiative, CPRClimate.org.

# what's happening

starting in 1983, the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference has been uniting environmentalists, activists, students, scientists and attorneys under the common interest of how to best protect Mother Earth. Put on by Land Air Water, a student group at the University of Oregon Law School, the theme of this year's 43rd annual conference is "Rising to the Challenge: Justice on the Horizon" to discuss how to make positive environmental change

in the world. PIELC co-director Lily

Millers says that the theme is Land

Air Water's effort to show the public



productive things that they can do to help the environment instead of using fear to show what the future could look like. "We just want to inspire hope and community amongst the population," Millers says. Over three days, Feb. 28 to March 2, there will be 80 different panels held in the UO Law School and the Erb Memorial Union building. In addition, there are four workshops to discuss science and policy, confined animal feeding operation ligation, the Freedom of Information Act and ethical lawyering. The conference is open to both the public and legal professionals looking for continuing legal education credit. "We get around 5,000 people every year from across the country, even internationally," Miller says. Keynote speakers include Tara Houska, a citizen of Couchiching First Nation and a tribal attorney, land defender, environmental and Indigenous-rights advocate as well as the founder of the Giniw Collective, an Indigenous-women, two-spiritled frontline resistance to defend the sacred and live in balance. Miller urges anyone who would like to learn more about public interest laws and ethics to come. "There's so much learning and education you can do by coming to this conference, even if you're not interested in environmental law," Miller says. — *Emily Rogers* 

The 43rd Public Interest Environmental Law Conference is Feb. 28 to March 2 at University of Oregon. The conference is free to the public; however, attorneys wanting continuing legal education credit can sign up to register at PIELC.org.

#### February 27

THURSDAY

#### Art/Craft

Opening Reception & Artist Talk: uneasyWONDER by Kathleen Caprario, 2-5pm, Lane Community College, bldg. 11, Art Dept.

**Steampunk Jewelry Workshop**, 3:30-5:30pm, MECCA Nonprofit, 555 High St. \$25.

#### Civics

**Rally for the Economic Blackout**, 4-6pm, Federal Courthouse, 405 E. 8th Ave.

#### Film

Who Primes the Directive? A Star Trek Parody Film for Charity, 6-7pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave.

#### Food/Drink

**Thursday Tasting: 2 Towns Ciderhouse**, 5-7pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

#### Kids/Family

Sensory Storytime, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library

#### Lectures/Classes

OCCU Middle School Financial Literacy Class, 4-5pm,

Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave.

**OCCU High School Financial Literacy Class**, 5-6pm, Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave.

Oh the Sensations: Engaging the 5 Senses for Maximum Pleasure w/ Javay da BAE, 6-8pm, As You Like It: The Pleasure Shop, 1655 W 11th Ave., ste. 1. \$20.

#### Literary Arts

**Writing Time**, 2:30-5pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

#### Music

**Open Mic**, 5:30-8:30pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon.

Chris Ward Project ft.
Darcy Lee, FlashVox, Kelly
Thibodeaux & Etouffe, various, 6pm, Whirled Pies, 199
W. 8th Ave. \$10.

**Open Mic**, 6pm, Mac's at the Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette.

**Stone Hart**, singer-songwriter, 6-9pm, Local Losers Lounge, 85944 Highway 99 S. **Daddy Rabbit**, '50s-'60s rock, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Sassafras!, roots rock, Americana, Celtic, 7-9pm, Claim 52 Kitchen, 1203 Willamette, ste. 140.

**Francisco Torres**, jazz, 7:30-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$25.

Jovino Santos Neto Quinteto, Brazillian, 7:30pm, The Shedd, 868 High St. \$24-36. Crate Digging Crew, vinyl,

8pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. Funk Night Eugene, 9pm,

Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. **Sara and the Hurricanes**, r&b,

**Sara and the Hurricanes**, r&b, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

#### Nightlife

**Trivia w/ Brett**, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F.

**FWD Trivia**, 7pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

Karaoke w/ Crystal, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

**Queer Country Night**, 9pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St. \$5.

#### **Spiritual**

Refuge Recovery, 5:30-7pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

#### Teens

**Love, Simon (2018)**, 4pm, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd

#### February 28

FRIDAY

#### Art/Craft

**David Lynch Tribute Art**, 5-7pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St.

Cottage Grove Art Walk, 6pm, Historic Downtown Cottage Grove, Main St., Cottage

Paint & Sip: Pink Flowers, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45. Black Comes To Eugene: A Retrospective w/ Eric Richardson, 7pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$10.

#### Benefits

**Ophelia's Place Trivia Night**, 5:30pm, Veterans' Memorial Bldg., 1626 Willamette.

Casino Night, 6-11pm, The Graduate, 66 E. 6th Ave.

PNW Forest Climate Alliance Fundraiser, 6-10pm, Oregon Wine LAB, 488 Lincoln St.

#### Civics

City Club: The State of Electronic Media in Eugene, noon-1:15pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave.

#### Comedy

**Brian Posehn**, 7pm & 9:30pm, Olsen Run Comedy Club, 44 E. 7th Ave. \$26.

#### rag

**Queervallis Pride Showcase**, 8-10:30pm, Whiteside Theatre, 461 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$10-15.

#### Film

Galaxy Quest (1999), 6pm, Sheldon Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd.

**Outliers & Outlaws**, 7pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$8-11.

Frankenhooker (1990), 9pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$9-11.

#### Gatherings

Eugene Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome & Hypermobility Support Group, 4-6pm. Email EugeneWildStripes@ zohomail.com for location.

**Peer Connection Support Group**, 4-5:30pm, NAMI Lane County, 129 9th St., Spfd.

#### Health

**Lifestyle Medicine Class**, 7-8:30pm, Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Dr.

#### Kids/Family

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Sheldon Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd.

#### The Consecration of kNOT Knowing

The **CENTER FOR SACRED SCIENCES** welcomes back Kimberly Carson MPH, C-IAYT and Jim Carson, PhD for a talk on the tantric weaving of three sacred threads of kNot knowing.

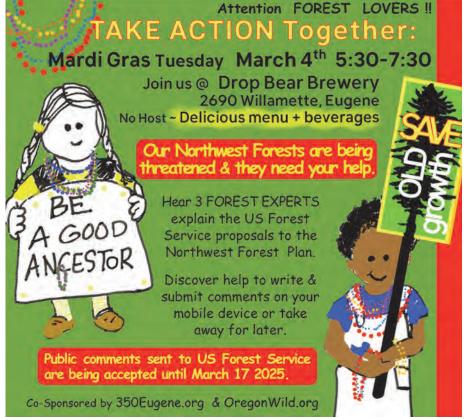
#### Sunday, March 2, 11 am - 1 pm



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center on translating mystical insights and teachings for the Western Mind. The Carsons' *Know Thyself Meditation* approach systematically explores the discovery, practice and sharing of nondual devotional recognition. They have published two books, dozens of scientific studies of the clinical application of Eastern wisdom, and lead professional trainings for yogis and healthcare providers. Learn more at <u>MindfulYogaworks.com</u>,

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#### **CALENDAR**

**Preschool Storytime**, 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library

#### Lectures/Classes

**Djembe Drumming for Beginners**, 3:30-4:30pm, Djembe Trading Post, 1740 W. 10th Ave. \$10.

Wheelchair Maintenance Workshop, 6-8pm, Shift Community Cycles, 811 W. 6th Ave.

Hiking Japan's Tokaidō Trail ft. Ane McKee & Hally McCabe, 6:15-8:45pm, Obsidian Lodge, 2250 E. 29th Ave.

#### Literary Arts

Promoting CommUNITY Book Club: Understanding Racial Equity, 1-2:30pm, Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave.

Inner Limits, blues, rock, 6-9pm, Saginaw Vineyard, 80247 Delight Valley School Rd., Saginaw

Purusa w/ JJ Braves, rock, 6-8pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon.

Swing Jam w/ Track Town Swing, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F.

**Bongolatte**, Latin, jazz, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Jazz Big Bands Winter Concert, 7pm, Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave. N/C-\$10.

**Left On Wilson**, psychedelic, rock, 7-9pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

**Dubious Rubes**, Americana, 7:30pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

**Coupe de Ville**, classic rock, 8pm-midnight, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N.

Forest Mountain Lion, folk rock, 8-10pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St., Cottage Grove.

Fast Gravel: Hitting 50, folk, rock jam, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd.

#### Nightlife

Climate Change Game Night, 5-7:30pm, Allen Hall, 1020 University of Oregon Allen

**Trivia**, 7-9pm, Local Losers Lounge, 85944 Highway 99 S.

**Karaoke**, 8pm-midnight, Squachos, 471 S A St., Spfd.

**Fetish Night**, 9:30pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St. \$10-15.

#### Social Dance

**Church of '80s**, 9pm-2am, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$4.

Salsa & Bachata Social Dancing & Drop-in Class, 9pm-12:15am, The Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette. \$8.

#### Spiritual

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Meeting, 10-11:30am, Jesco Club, 340 Blair Blvd.

#### Teens

**LGBTQ+ Youth Group**, 4pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St.

#### Theater

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**, 7pm, Pegasus

Playhouse, 402 Main St., Spfd. \$17-25.

#### March 1

SATURDAY

#### Art/Craft

**Figure Art Session**, 10am-1 pm, Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th Ave. \$8-60.

Upcycled Tin Jewelry Workshop w/ Cindy Clair, noon-2pm, MECCA Nonprofit, 555 High St. \$48.

Paint & Sip: Frog on Mushroom, 3-5pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

Paint & Sip: Van Gogh's Starry Night, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

#### Benefits

**Irish Dance Fundraiser**, 5-9pm, Slice Pizzeria & Bar, 325 Blair Blvd.

#### Civic

City-wide Healthcare Forum & Health Fair, 11am-4pm, Willamette Christian Ctr., 2500 W. 18th St.

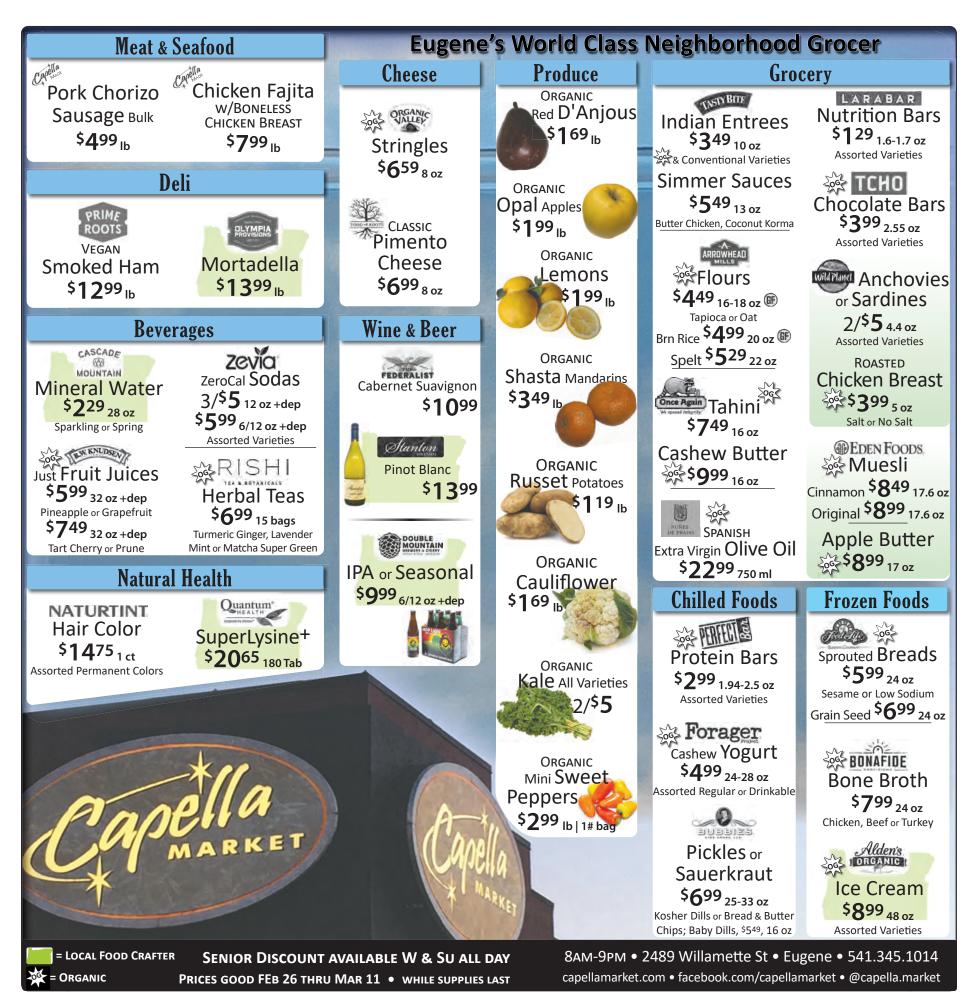
New Building Ground Breaking & Tour, 11am, American Legion Post 83, 3650 River Rd.

#### Comedy

**Brian Posehn**, 7pm & 9:30pm, Olsen Run Comedy Club, 44 E. 7th Ave. \$26.

#### Devenoe

**Macedonian Dance Festival**, 9-11:30am, Vet's Club, 1620



Irish Dancing, 7:30-8pm, Slice Pizzeria & Bar, 325 Blair

#### Drag

**Drag Bingo**, 5-7pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington

#### Farmers Markets

Lane County Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Lane County Farmers Market, 8th Ave. &

Outliers & Outlaws, 2:30pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave.

#### Gatherings

**Overeaters Anonymous**, 9:30-10:30am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685

Trans & Allies Social Hour, 10am-noon, Theo's Coffee House, 199 W. 8th Ave.,

#### Kids/Family

Family Storytime, 9:45am & 10:30am & 11:15am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Baby & Toddler Storytime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Family Day, 10:30am, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St.

#### Lectures/Classes

Beginning Beekeeping Class, 8:45am-4pm, Santa Clara Grange, 295 Azalea Dr.

The Natural History of the American West, 9:30amnoon, UO Baker Downtown Ctr., 975 High St.

Compost Workshop, 10amnoon, OSU Extension Service, Lane County,, 996 Jefferson St.

Dig It! Intro to Gardening Class Series, 11am-12:30pm, Lane County Farmers Market, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Pruning: Fruit Trees, noon-2pm, Oakridge Community Garden, 48306 Hills St., Oakridge.

**Djembe Drumming for Beginners**, 5-6pm, Djembe Trading Post, 1740 W. 10th

#### Music

Cuchulain Kelly, folk, 2pm, Sarver Winery, 25600 Mayola Ln.

Forest Mountain Lion, folk rock, 5:30-7:30pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague St.,

Cherry Hill, folkgrass, 6-8pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F.

Maya Love, George Harrison tribute, 6pm, Whirled Pies, 199 W. 8th Ave. \$10-20.

Complicated, pop rock, r&b, country, 7:30-9:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Missoula Flood, acoustic, 7:30-9:30pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

The Rosa Lees, bluegrass, old-time, 7:30-9:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette. \$18.50.

Coupe de Ville, classic rock, 8pm-midnight, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N.

Night Presser & Amber Ambedo, doom-punk, 8-10:30pm, Whiteside Theatre, 461 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$10-15.

#### Nightlife

Karaoke, 7-11pm, Local Losers Lounge, 85944 Highway

#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

Vinvasa Yoga (bilingual). 9:45am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

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Goat Yoga & Goat Happy Hour, 4-5:30pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$45.

#### **Spiritual**

River Wisdom Insight Member-Led Meditation, 9:45am-noon, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE- \$10.

Full-Day Meditation, 10am-4pm, The Ctr. for Sacred Sciences, 5440 Saratoga St.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 7pm, Pegasus Playhouse, 402 Main St., Spfd. \$17-25.

#### March 2

#### SUNDAY

#### Art/Craft

Paint & Sip: Bridge Over Lake, 2-4pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$35.

#### Comedy

Hand Shoes & Horse Grenades, 7:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St.

Outliers & Outlaws, 1:30pm & 7pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$8-11.

#### **Gatherings**

Sunday Gathering, 10:30-11:30am, The Center, 390 Vernal St.

Texas Hold'em Tournament, 2pm, American Legion Post 83, 3650 River Rd. \$25.

#### Kids/Family

Family Fun w/ LEGO, 1-4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### Literary Arts

Poetry in the Round, 12:30-2pm, Coburg Commons Bookstore, 91193 N. Wil-lamette, Coburg.

Writing Time, 6:30-9pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

**Native American Arts & Crafts** Makers Market, 10am-4pm, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave.

Sunday Market, 12:45-3pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

#### Music

**Inner Limits**, blues, rock, 1-4pm, Bennett Vineyards & Wine Co, 199 E. 5th Ave., ste. 11

Timothy Patrick, acoustic variety, humor, 1-5pm, High Pass Winery, 24757 Lavell Rd., Junction City.

Paul Safar & Friends, contemporary, 3-4:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway.

Irish Jam, 4-7:30pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd.

EastSide Sunday Jam, 5pm, Twisted River Saloon, 1444

Main St., Spfd. Open Mic, 5:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

The Devil Makes Three, Americana, 8:30pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette. SOLD OUT.

#### Nightlife

Cribbage Tournament, 4pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E.

Trivia w/ Elliot Martínez, 4-6pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd.

Karaoke w/ Adam Stiles, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. Karaoke, 9pm-1am, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington

#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

Kids & Kids Goat Yoga Class, noon-1pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$25.

Sunday Funday Goat Yoga Class, 4-5pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$35.

#### Social Dance

Weekly Balkan Folk Dancing, 7:15-9:45pm, Vet's Club, 1620 Willamette. \$5.

#### Spiritual

Prayers, Meditation & Fasting, 10-11:30am, Baha'i Ctr. of Eugene, 1458 Alder St.

Matthew Lowes, 11am-1pm, The Ctr. for Sacred Sciences, 5440 Saratoga St.

**Emerald Valley Ctr. for Spiritual** Living, 4pm, Hilyard Community Ctr., 2580 Hilyard St. Don.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 6pm, Pegasus Plavhouse, 402 Main St., Spfd. \$17-25.

#### March 3

#### MONDAY

#### Film

Outliers & Outlaws, 6pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969), 7-9:30pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis.

Game & Movie Night, 7-9:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

#### Gatherings

Death Cafe, 6:30-8pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette.

#### Lectures/Classes

It's Lit! Safe Bike Riding at Night, 3:30-5pm, Shift Community Cycles, 811 W. 6th Ave.

#### Music

Open Mic, 5:30-7:30pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St.

Open Mic, 6:30-10pm, Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave.

First Monday Night Big Band, 7-9:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$15.

#### Nightlife

Cribbage Night, 6:30-8:30pm, Coldfire Brewing Co., 263 Mill St. \$3.

Trivia w/ Elliot Martínez, 6:30pm, Oakshire Public

House, 207 Madison St. Trivia w/ Geo, 6:30pm, Publi-

cHouse, 418 A St., Spfd. Trivia, 7pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St.

#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

Eugene Cornhole League, 6pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. \$5.

#### **Spiritual**

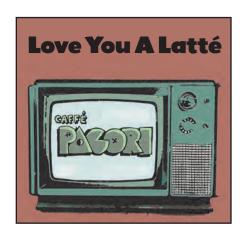
**Anytime Anywhere Meditation** Road Park & Recreation District, 1400 Lake Dr. \$95.

#### March 4

TUESDAY

#### Art/Craft

Upcycled Art from Bicycles, 3:30-5pm, Shift Community Cycles, 811 W. 6th Ave.











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What's so funny about volcanoes? According to New York comedian Ben Miller, a lot. In February 2023, Miller spent a month-long

artist residency at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park writing an hour of volcano-themed material. Now on tour, Miller performs the show, Standup Science Presents: Volcano, March 4 at Wildish Community Theater in Springfield. Miller was just as surprised as anyone that a comedian got the volcano residency nod when a poet, musician or painter might seem a better fit. But Miller has a science and engineering degree from Columbia University, and when he applied for the stay at the park he'd already performed a sold-out run of Standup Science performances at the 2022 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the same joke-writing approach, if fewer exploding mountains. His volcano show mentions several well-known volcanoes, like Pompeii, with a multimedia presentation as a backdrop for Miller's sharp and insightful one-liners. Miller says at one point in the show that in Oscan, the original language of Pompeii's residents, Pompeii meant five, as in "5,4,3,2,1," leaving the explosion unsaid. "Too soon?" is the tag. "To be honest, when I first started doing comedy," Miller tells Eugene Weekly in a phone call, "the first four years or so, I did not mention my science background at all. I was worried people would be like, why are you talking about this? But then I said, no, actually, you can embrace what makes you different and share that with people." Joining Miller at Wildish are two Oregon "STEM" comedians: Eugene's Sarah Hagen, who draws on her academic math expertise in her material, and Oregon State University roboticist and standup comic Naomi Fitter. — Will Kennedy

Ben Miller's Standup Science Presents: Volcano is 7 pm Tuesday, March 4 at Richard E. Wildish Community Theater; 630 Main Street, Springfield. \$15-25; all ages.

Eugene MakerSpace Open, 6-8pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St.

Knit & Crochet Circle, 6pm, Sheldon Branch of Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd.

**Figure Art Session**, 6:15-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave. \$8-60.

#### Civics

**Sign Up for Notary**, 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

**Climate Cafe**, 7pm, House Concert, 70 E. Howard Ave.

#### Comedy

Volcano: A Science Comedy Show w/ Ben Miller, 7-10pm, The Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. \$15-25.

#### Gatherings

**Deaf Night Out Eugene**, 6-8pm, Portal Tea Co., 41 W. Broadway.

#### **Kids/Family**

**Baby Storytime**, 9:45am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Tweens: Gamer Brains, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### Lectures/Classes

**Tech Help**, 2-3pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Queering Reproductive Justice: An Invitation, 4pm, Knight Library Browsing Room, 1501 Kincaid St. **Basic Bicycle Maintenance**, 6-7:30pm, Shift Community Cycles, 811 W. 6th Ave.

#### Literary Arts

**Writing Time**, 9:30am-noon, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St., ste. 100. \$5.

**TransPonder Book Club**, 5-6pm. Email Info@TransPonder.Community for link.

#### Music

**Rich Fisher**, singer-song-writer, 6:30-9:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

#### Nightlife

Tacos & Trivia, 6-8pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon.

**Trivia**, 6pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St.

**Bingo w/ Ty Connor**, 6:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

**Trivia w/ Elliot Martínez**, 6:30pm, The Oregon Wine LAB, 488 Lincoln St.

**Trivia Tuesday**, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Fat Tuesday, 9:30pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St. \$8

#### Outdoors/Recreation

**Learn to Ride a Bike**, 5-7pm, Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd.

#### Social Dance

**Latin Dance w/ DJ Vito**, 7pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St.

International Folk Dancing, 7:30-9:30pm, Friends Meeting, 2274 Onyx. \$5-10.

#### Toons

**The Martian (2015)**, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### Theater

Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'®, 7:30-9pm, Hult Ctr. \$45.

#### March 5

#### WEDNESDAY

#### Art/Craft

**Figure Art Session**, 6:15-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave. \$8-60.

#### Film

**Woman of the Year (1942)**, 1-3pm, Willamalane Adult

Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd.

Outliers & Outlaws, 6pm, Art

House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$8-11. Star Wars: Episode I – The

Phantom Menace (1999), 7-9:30pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis, \$8-10.

"Survivor" S48 Watch Party, 7:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

**Ash Wednesday Movie Marathon**, 8pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St.

#### **Gatherings**

NAMI Connection, 6:30-8pm. Visit NAMILane.org for link.

#### Kids/Family

**Toddler Storytime**, 9:45am & 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

**Create a Bowl w/ Yarn**, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### Music

Martin King, trumpet, 7-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$10. **Jake Shimabukuro**, ukulele, 7:30pm, The Shedd, 868 High St. \$34-48.

**Open Mic**, 8:30pm, Mulligan's Pub, 2841 Willamette.

#### Nightlife

Game Night: Left, Right, Center, 5:30pm, American Legion Post 83, 3650 River Rd.

**Davey's Dungeon & Dragons**, 6pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St.

Rainbow Game Night, 6-8pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette. FREE-\$5.

**Cribbage Night**, 6:30-8:30pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette, \$5.

**Bingo w/ Ty Connor**, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

**Trivia**, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Karaoke w/ KJ JudyJitsu, 8pm-midnight, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St.

#### **Outdoors/Recreation**

**Qigong Balance for Life**, 10am, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. FREE-\$20.

**Open Batting Cages**, 4-8pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th

#### Social Dance

**Argentine Tango Dancing**, 7-10pm, Veterans' Memorial Bldg., 1626 Willamette.

#### Teens

**Planetarium Show**, 4pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### **Theater**

Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'®, 7:30-9pm, Hult Ctr. \$45.

#### March 6

#### THURSDAY

#### Art/Craft

**Astrology & Art**, 6-9pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$65.

#### Civics

NRCS Local Work Group Meeting, 3-5pm, Upper Willamette SWCD, 3291 W. 1st Ave.

#### Food/Drink

**Thursday Tasting: Level Beer**, 5-7pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

#### **G**atherings

NAMI Family Support Group, 7-8:30pm, NAMI Lane County, 129 9th St., Spfd.

#### Kids/Family

**Sensory Storytime**, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

#### Lectures/Classes

Alzheimer's Lecture Series: Empowered Caregiver: Supporting Independence, 1-2pm, Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave.

**Ari Melenciano: Critical Imagination**, 4pm, University of Oregon Lawrence Hall, rm.115.

Meet an Archaeologist, 5:30-7pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

#### Music

**Open Mic**, 6pm, Mac's at the Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette.

**Stone Hart**, rock, 6-9pm, Local Losers Lounge, 85944 Highway 99 S.

Vulture Feather, Pink Pollen, Face Transplant, Tesla Coil, indie, alt, emo, 6:30-10pm, Wandering Goat Coffee Co., 268 Madison St. \$10.

**Blessed Relief**, blues, jazz, 7-9pm, Claim 52 Kitchen, 1203 Willamette, ste. 140.

**Elena Leona Project**, urban groove, 7:30-9:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Tuesday String Band, 7:30-10pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$20. DJ Jon Smith, vinyl, 8pm,

PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. Funk Night Eugene, 9pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St.

#### Nightlife

**Pagan Pub Moot**, 6-8pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St.

**Trivia w/ Brett**, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing West, 520 Commercial St., unit F.

**FWD Trivia**, 7pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

**Horse Races**, 7pm, American Legion Post 83, 3650 River Rd.

**Karaoke**, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

#### **Spiritual**

**Refuge Recovery**, 5:30-7pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

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# THE QUEST FOR SQUACHO'S NACHOS

## GRAB YOUR 20-SIDED DIE AND GET READY FOR A NACHO ADUENTURE

#### **BY EVE WESTON**

ne night after he made her an evening meal, Kristen Beard turned to her husband, Joshua Beard, and said, "we should start a food truck," sparking the birth of Squacho's. After years of running a food truck, the truck has evolved into Squacho's Bar and Grill, a new brick and mortar location in Springfield that has taken over the longtime location of what was once the Chow Gastropub.

As the sasquatch in the name indicates, Squacho's is PNW comfort food classics combined with a unique fantasy adventure theme inspired by Dungeons & Dragons.

"We didn't want to do something everyone else was doing," Joshua says.

Walking into Squacho's, you're immediately greeted by Kristen's art and Joshua's 3D printed models. It's an ambiance that makes it easy to fall into the roleplaying mood as you order some fantasy-themed drinks and pub food classics.

And that's the intent. Joshua says he hopes to draw a crowd of fantasy adventure fans as well as locals who enjoy homestyle, feel-good food. Squacho's hosts a Dungeons & Dragons Arena League, where patrons can sign up to participate in a fantasy quest all while enjoying Squacho's unique menu items.

"Come for the food; stay for the games," Joshua says. Squacho's has an entire upstairs section dedicated just to fantasy gameplay. The section has its own unique map setup, as well as a plethora of characters for patrons to characters from

Squacho's menu is actively expanding. Kirsten and Joshua say they are working to introduce creative, new foods into the menu as the operation grows. Squacho's has hearty dishes that satisfy cravings for savory, rich and fiery pub food classics.

Squacho's has a knack for making foods normally considered snack foods into full blown homestyle meals. Squa-



Illustration by McKenzie Young-Roy

cho's pulled pork nachos are a fan favorite. The smokey flavor of the pork combined with housemade cilantro lime sour cream makes for a dish that distinguishes Squacho's nachos from your regular old nacho. Their unique Frito Pie puts a new spin on a classic chip, topping Fritos with house chili, barbecue sauce, bacon bits, green onions and more of the cilantro lime sour cream.

Squacho's doesn't just host Dungeons & Dragons. It's also a home for Warhammer, for board games, for trivia and for karaoke. Joshua says a big part of Squacho's karaoke nights is cosplay, the art of dressing up as fictional characters from various movies, TV shows and animations. "We're really trying to get the cosplayers to break out of their shell and come Friday nights to sing dressed up," Joshua says. Squacho's hosts karaoke nights every Friday from 8 pm to midnight.

Kristen and Joshua aren't just learning to run a restaurant, but a bar, too. "We always said, 'If we're gonna do a restaurant, it's gotta have a bar," Joshua says.

Squacho's operates a full-service bar, with unique fantasy-inspired drinks. Joshua says they hope to expand the drink menu to contain 20 cocktails within the near future to reflect the 20-sided die used in Dungeons & Dragons. The 20-sided die determines the success or failure of player actions such as an attack, where a one

represents the weakest hit and a 20 is a critical hit. "We want to label the drinks one through 20, and then you can roll for your drink," Joshua says.

Moving away from a food truck and into a restaurant has its challenges and its rewards. "It's so nice coming in when the kitchen is set and done," Kristen says, "it's not like you have to lock it down and move." But learning to run a restaurant and a bar is new for the couple.

Despite the challenges associated with opening a restaurant, Kristen and Joshua have both put in a successful effort to foster an environment that keeps patrons coming back for more.

As Squacho's keeps developing its unique style, the Beards hope they are making a home for the community to gather while enjoying delicious food and embracing their love for fantasy-adventure in a warm, inclusive family style environment.

Squacho's is more than just nachos. "Now we're not just the nacho place, we're the nacho-burger place too," Joshua says. From savory pulled pork quesadillas to homestyle chili burgers, Squacho's is the place to go and fill that desire for smokey, flavorful PNW favorites.

Squacho's Bar and Grill is open Monday through Saturday 11 am to 10 pm, except Fridays open 11 am to midnight at 471 South A Street, Springfield. Squacho's hosts a Dungeons & Dragons league. Find details on Facebook and Instagram.



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he University of Oregon Ducks football team fell short in the college football playoffs, and it is too soon to tell how the UO men's and women's basketball teams will do in their respective postseasons. But this school year, one Duck won a championship, just not in sports. .

Last fall, University of Oregon School of Music and Dance doctoral student and instructor in piano performance Juan Avendaño was awarded first place in the advanced category at the 2024 American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music — his prize: a performance at New York's Carnegie Hall last December.

On March 7, Avendaño performs a Maurice Ravel recital, celebrating the French composer's birthday, at Beall Concert Hall on the UO campus.

Avendaño won the annual international competition performing a piece by romantic-era French composer Gabriel Fauré and then bent the rules, convincing judges to allow him to perform George Gershwin's "Embraceable

You" written in 1929 — a romantic song, no doubt, just not one written in the romantic era.

Developed in the 19th century, romantic classical music pushed "the boundaries of tonalism," according to Avendaño. Beethoven and Brahms are associated with the style.

Most interested in the personal voice of the composers, romantic music, he says, paved the way for atonal 20th-century music and popular jazz-age classical compos-

When asked about music competitions like the American Protégé contest, Avendaño quotes early 20th-century Hungarian composer Béla Bartók, who said, "Competitions are for horses, not artists." But Avendaño says they're a résumé necessity for young performers like him.

Avendaño says he chose Gershwin for an unexpected change of pace. He says, "I could have room to bring my interpretation," rather than play more familiar work from romantic composers like Chopin or Liszt.

Avendaño was born in Colombia and started playing

rather late for a typical concert pianist: At the ripe old age of 15, he knew right away he wanted to devote his life to the instrument. He did his undergraduate work in his home country and then came to the United States.

He received his master's in piano performance from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo before coming to Oregon for a doctorate in piano performance and yet another master's degree in collaborative piano — which means, as Avendaño explains, performing any piece of music with piano and another instrument, especially voice - a unique degree offering at the UO which Avendaño says attracted him to Eugene.

Avendaño won the Protégé contest with a pre-recorded YouTube video of his performance. Like all classical competitions, he didn't know in advance what his score would be based on.

According to Avendaño, some judges prioritize an exact reproduction of what's written in the score, while others place more value on expression. Not only did Avendaño not know which way the judges would rate his performance, he didn't even know who the judges were when

UO Professor of Piano and Chair of Keyboard Alexandre Dossin has closely followed Avendaño's career, from his time performing at Latin American classical music festivals, through his graduate work in Michigan, and finally to Eugene.

In an email with Eugene Weekly, Dossin says Avendaño's lyrical qualities set him apart in the American Protégé competition from "fortists" — insider baseball pianist jargon, he says, for pianists who can only play "loud."

"Preparation for such a competition requires endless hours of practice until the works are part of who we are," Dossin adds. "More often than not, pianists memorize the works, which requires a deep understanding of the musical language," in both technical and psychological terms. "Juan is a master at that," Dossin says.

Avendaño has played in large performance halls before and performs in Eugene with the Eugene Symphony and the Oregon Mozart Players, among other ensembles. Still, he'd never performed at a place with as much prestige and history as New York's Carnegie Hall.

Describing the experience, Avendaño remembers thinking, "I will try to enjoy as much as possible this experience because I don't know if it's going to happen again. I had so much respect for the space, but I just wanted to enjoy the sound of the piano."

Juan Avendaño performs a recital celebrating Maurice Ravel's 150th birthday 7:30 pm Friday, March 7, at Beall Concert Hall; 961 East 18th Avenue. Tickets from \$5, free for UO students with valid ID.

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REINSTATE: NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at any time prior to five days before the sale, this foreclosure proceeding may be dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Trustee of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying those sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default by paying all costs and expenses to the Trustee actually incurred by Beneficiary and Trustee in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with Trustee's fees and Attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778, J. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties. Oregon notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at this trustee's sale. Dated this 4th day of February, 2025. Keith Y. Boyd, Trustee Keith Y. Boyd, PC. 724 S. Central Avenue, Suite 106, Medford, OR 97501, Tele: 541-973-2422 Fax: 541-973-2426

STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department. In the Matter of APOLLO ALEXANDER GILLILAND. A Child. Case No. 24JUO4509 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Macy Chantel Orth Whereabouts Unknown, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Circuit Court, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above, AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND ORE VOLUMINST Δ DDF Δ F YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated February 6, mons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County Date of first publication: February 20th, 2025. Date of last publication: March 6th, 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. If you do not appear personally before the court as directed above,

then you must appear April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the same address listed above. If you fail to appear for both dates or do not appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing, the court may proceed in your absence and, without further notice, TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either on the dates specified in THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. To request appointment of an attorney to represent you at state expense, you must ask the judge at the April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., hearing listed in this summons. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Circuit Court at 125 East 8th

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department. In the Matter of LUCIAN VINCENT ASHE, A Child. No. 24JU05833 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Gavin Noah Ashe Without Fixed Residence. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the pur pose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Circuit Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Eugene OR 97401, on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This ons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated February 9, 2025. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County Date of first publication: February 27, 2025 Date of last publication: March 13, 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY If you do not appear personally before the court as directed above, then you must appear on April 17, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., at the same address listed above. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL

RIGHTS to the above-named child either on the date specified in this summons or on a future date and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at TO REQUEST expense. APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Circuit Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, and (541) 682-4020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ADVISED ATTORNEY 0F WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE under ORS 419B.918 to appear by other means including, but not limited to, telephonic or other electronic means. An attorney may not attend the hearing(s) in your place, PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Rebecca Z. May Senior Assistant Attorney General Department of Justice 975 Oak Street, Ste. 200 Eugene, OR 97401 (541) 686-7973 ISSUED this 19th day of February, 2025. Issued by: Rebecca Z. May, OSB #074571 Senior Assistant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department. In the Matter of LUCIAN VINCENT ASHE, A Child. 24JU05834 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Esther Virginia Reyes Without Fixed Residence. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Circuit Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on April 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing.

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#### *SAVAGE* Love

I'm a cis man in a monogamous relationship with a cis woman who is going through perimenopause. She was recently prescribed a boric acid suppository to help deal with some normal but persistent vaginal health issues. Her doctor and all the reliable online medical resources we've found said we should wait "24-48" hours after she uses a suppository before I give her oral sex, as the stuff can be toxic if ingested. That's all well and good, but if she uses a suppository every time we have  ${\sf PIV}$ which is what her doctor recommended that would leave very little opportunity for me to eat her out, which I love to do and she loves to receive. (We have PIV probably 3-4 times a week and I would go down on her all day every day if I could.) Her health and comfort obviously come first, and we enjoy lots of other ways of having sex, so this isn't the end of the world. But I do feel like we would need to mourn the (hopefully temporary) loss of something we really enjoy. So, my question for you is this: exactly how toxic is this stuff really? Are we talking drop-dead-on-the-spot toxic or more like risking-a-bad-tummy-ache toxic? And to my mind there's a big difference between 24 and 48 hours in this regard, but that is as specific as the information we've been able to find. I don't want to put my health at risk, of course, but I would like a better sense of just how careful we should be with this.

#### - I'm Not Gobbling Extremely Serious Toxins

"The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) published a safety brief last year due to reports of multiple people unintentionally orally ingesting boric acid vaginal suppositories," says Dr. Stacy De-Lin, Associate Medical Director for Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, New York. "But the National Capitol Poison Center, aka Poison Control, found that the small amount of boric acid in a single capsule would not be expected to cause harm - a person would likely have to ingestelarge amounts of boric acid to result in issues like vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. And severe potential issues - things like kidney problems or death — have never been known to occur, according to Poison Control."

So, while De-Lin and I believe you should follow the recommendations of your wife's doctor, INGEST, the risks are low - and we're talking tummy aches here and not an early death and we would both understand why you might, after doing your own risk/benefit analysis, conclude the risks are worth the rewards.

"INGEST could try it out" — you could try going down on your wife 24 hours after she's used the suppository - "and see if any mild adverse effects occur," De-Lin says. "Avoiding swallowing while performing oral sex may also help mitigate any potential GI issues."

De-Lin has one other recommendation that she

wanted you to pass along to the wife. "If INGEST's partner is taking boric acid suppositories to help with vaginal health issues due to perimenopause," she says, "it's worth speaking to her gynecologist about hormone replacement therapy (HRT). When hormone levels change around menopause, vaginal atrophy is common, and this thinning of the vaginal lining can lead to discomfort and infections. Multiple studies have shown that HRT, both when applied topically to the vagina or when used systemically, can improve vaginal tissue elasticity, moisturize the vagina, and can have a substantial impact on improving vaginal microflora to decrease infections."

Follow Dr. Stacy De-Lin on Instagram and Threads @stacydelin\_md.

I am poly and have been in ENM relationships for the past decade. I recently visited a friend in another state and had a lovely, intimate weekend with them. During our weekend together they told me they have a girlfriend who doesn't know they're cheating — and not only with me. My friend is a professional athlete, semi-famous, and they don't have other friends or examples of ethical non-monogamy in their life. For the nearly 10 years that I've known them, it's been clear to me that they're more suited for ENM. I would say they're MUD: monogamous under duress. Knowing what I know now, how do I ethically engage with this person? I don't see them frequently — it's been more than a year since we last saw each oth-- but when we do hangout, I am glad to be their friend who can help them explore ENM, ask questions, and encourage them to move in a more ethical manner. I feel awful that their partner doesn't know about the cheating, and I hate contributing to it. I also feel for my friend as I know this loverboy is not meant for monog-

#### Side Piece Under Duress

You left something off that list of things you're "glad to be" when you hang out with your old friend: in addition to being glad to be his friend, his sounding board, and his ethically non-monogamous role model, SPUD, you're also glad to be his fuck toy, right? Professional athletes have great bodies (curlers and dart players excluded), they have tons of stamina, and they stay in nice hotels. So, as you reason your way through this moral conundrum, SPUD, you need to be on your guard against the kind of self-serving rationalizations - or the kind of clitful/dickful thinking — that can lead a person to do something (or keep doing something) that doesn't align with their stated values. In your case, SPUD, you've very nearly convinced yourself that cheating with someone who's "doing it right," i.e. someone practicing ethical non-monogamy and therefore isn't cheating on their partner, might inspire your hot, semi-famous friend to stop "doing it wrong," i.e. stop practicing unethical non-monogamy.

Now, it's entirely possible your example will inspire this pro athlete to straighten up and cheat right; there are definitely people out there who've had the sense fucked into them. But let's not kid ourselves: people who've cheated on their partners with people who weren't cheating on their own — cheaters who were inspired to ask their partners for forgiveness (for fucking around) and permission (to keep fucking around) — are few and far between. And while I don't doubt your pussy is magic (all pussies are), your pussy ain't chemo and it's not going

All that said, SPUD, it's not your job to police this man's behavior; both his relationship with his girlfriend and the salvation of his immortal soul are his business. But if you don't wanna contribute to cheating, you have no choice but to stop fucking this guy. If you keep fucking this guy, SPUD, you shouldn't pretend you're doing it for him. You're doing it for you.

P.S. I would do and have done the same thing you're doing, SPUD: fucked someone I was free to fuck who wasn't free to fuck me. I also assuaged my own guilt by urging the person to make things right with their partner. So, I'm not

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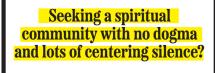
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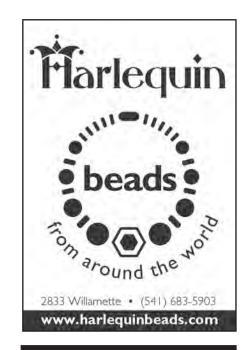
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Attorney General IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department. In the Matter of NORAH LUCILLE ASHE, A Child Case No. 24JU05840 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Esther Virginia Reyes Without Fixed Residence IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adontion. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lane County Circuit Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on April 3, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated February 9, 2025. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County Date of first publication: February 27, 2025 Date of last publication: March 13 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY If you do not appear personally before the court as directed above, then vou must appear on April 17, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., at the same address listed above. IF YOU DO NOT APPFAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either on the date specified in this summons or on a future date and may make such orders and take such action as authorized

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23JU02282 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Jasper Paul Briggs-Comstock IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) has filed a petition asking that the court enter a judgment determining that lan Michael Albrecht (Deceased) is the legal and biological father and a judgment of nonparentage as to Jasper Paul Briggs-Comstock of the above-named child. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the petition NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF LAST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS, consenting to or objecting to the entry of a judgment of parentage and judgment of nonparentage of the above-named child, and informing the court of your current residence address, mailing address and telephone number. YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE MAILED TO Lane County Circuit Court, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Eugene, OR, 97401, You are further directed to appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND ANY COURT-ORDERED HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated February 4, 2025. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, making four publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, Oregon. Date of first publication: February 13, 2025 Date of last publication: March 6, 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER AS DIRECTED ABOVE, OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and enter a judgment of parentage to the abovenamed child either on the date an answer is required by this summons or on a future such action as authorized by law. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER If you are currently represented by an attorney, CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-

3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Circuit Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Eugene, OR. 97401, or phone number (541) 682-4020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00p.m. for further information. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE under ORS 419B.918 to appear by other means including, but not limited to, telephonic or other electronic means. An attorney may not attend the hearing(s) in your place. ODHS's ATTORNEY Marie Anders, #102216 Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. 975 Oak St., Eugene, OR 97402 ISSUED this 6th day of February, 2025. Issued by: Marie Anders, #102216 Assistant Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE CASE NO: 25SC00001 BRIAN MACALLISTER CLEVELAND V. SARAH KAY BENTLEY. SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION Date of First Publication: 02/14/2025 (response must be filed within 30 days of this date) Brian Cleveland has filed a small claims case asking the court to order: the return of his 2007 Holiday Rambler fifth wheel trailer with all of his belongings inside of it, or \$9,500 in compensation as an estimated value of the trailer and his belongings. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY! You must "appear in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal response, Answer, or Motion. Forms may be available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov/ forms. Talk to a lawyer about appearing by motion. Your response must be filed with the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication (noted above), along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form. You must show that the other party's lawyer (or the party if they do not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of your response according to the service rules. Service rules are in the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP) Rule 9. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go to www. oregonstatebar.org. Date: 02/12/2025 Brian Cleveland Contact Address: 2493 17th Pl. Springfield, OR 97477 Contact Phone: (458) 544-1249 February 14, 21, 28 March 7, 14 2025 LEUG0239941

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: JAC REAL COMPANY, LLC. EVERGREEN LAND TITLE COMPANY Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY Beneficiary: DONALD L. MCCABE AND CHERYL L. MCCABE, TRUSTEES OF THE MCCABE JOINT TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2016. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly right of way line of the Willamette Highway South 60° East 1462.43 feet from its intersection with the line between the John F. Wooley Donation Land Claim No. 56 and the Milton Riggs Donation Land Claim No. 57, Township 18 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, which intersection point is 1700.4 feet South 23° West from the Northeast corner of said Claim No. 57; thence South 60° East along said Willamette Highway right of way line 204.56 feet; thence leaving said right of way line and run South 819.3; thence North 60° West 409.38 feet; thence North 13° 51.9' East 738.46 feet to the place of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon, in Section 24, said Township and Range, in Lane County, Oregon. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: May 3, 2022 Recording No.

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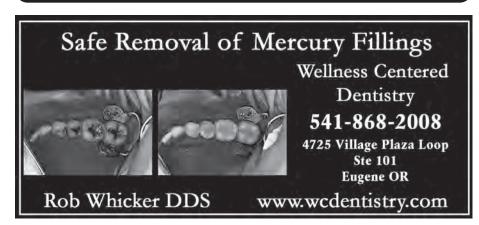
2022-019811 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Granton or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$2,097.97 each, due the first of each month, for the months of July 2023 through November 2024; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$247,686.95; plus interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from June 1, 2023; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lane County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date:

April 17, 2025. Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Lane County Courthouse, Front Entrance, Inside by Security, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in

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#### Jonesin' Crossword By MATT JONES

"Pizza and a Movie"--watch for these slices.

#### Across

1. En \_\_\_ (with full attendance, as a court) 5. Fundamental end? 8. Blew a gasket 14. The whole A to Z 16. Cynthia's costar 17. With "The," 1987 Michael Cimino epic adapted from a Mario Puzo novel 18. Fairly new 19. Yacht post 20. Coin-op opening 21. "Carpe \_\_\_!" 23. Pasty luau dish 24. Airport counter name 28. 1999 comedy about kids trying to get to a KISS 32. Tabula \_\_ (blank slate) \_\_ Lanka

34. "Dune" star Isaac

35. City renamed Tokyo

Best Picture since "Oliver!" in 1968 39. "I Like \_ \_" ('50s campaign slogan) 40. Gp. running Sarah McLachlan-backed ads since 42. More than vexation 43. "Fargo" family name 44. 1944 musical starring **Judy Garland** 48. Without 49. Cleaning cloth 50. Part of MIT, for short 51. Ocean Spray name starter

53. "\_\_\_ Stop the Music" (1980 movie) 55. Channel Tunnel terminus 9. Cookie brand 58. Classic Disney cartoon with some questionable depictions of Native 62. On the double

36. First musical to win 63. Culinary knife cut that's Saints chant) finer than julienne 64. Chem lab vessels 65. Punch from Pacquiao 66. Geneva, for one

#### Down

2. Frazier foe 3. Video game figure not controlled by the gamer 4. Mythical hybrid 5. Sacred bird, to ancient Egyptians 6. Airline assignment \_\_ Dew (brand with a Baja Blast flavor) 8. Breadstick seasoning 10. Mints in a little case 11. "\_\_\_ Martin: SAP" (2023 Netflix standup special) 12. Columnist Landers 13. "Who ?" (New Orleans

1. \_\_\_-relief (sculpture style)

15. San Antonio mission with "the" 20. Phillipa of "Hamilton" and "Doctor Odvssev" 21. Global low point 22. "Come on in" 23. Market strategy 25. Like some circles? 26. "Seems to me ..." 27. U.K. ambulance toppers (that probably go "wee-oowee-oo") 28. Freud con 29. "Sorta" 30. Prefix meaning "three" 31. "Rock and Roll, Hoochie 36. Video taker, briefly 37. "\_\_\_ Poetica"

38. Understand 41. Some diagnostic tests 43. Word before freak or group 45. Removes data from 46. Ziering of "Beverly Hills, 90210" 47. Bed sheet material 52. Soap star Springfield 53. "Arrested Development" star Michael 54. "... three men in \_\_\_ 55. Half- macchiato 56. 1996 Olympics host city, 57. Mauna \_\_ (Hawaiian peak) 58. Simple sandwich. casually 59. "Hairspray" actress 60. Request 61. Word before a maiden



#### FREE WILL Astrology BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries author Anne Lamott articulated a thought that's perfect for you to hear right now: "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." I might amend her wisdom a bit to say "for a few hours" or "a couple of days." Now is a rare time when a purposeful disconnection can lead you to deeper synchronization. A project or relationship will improve after a gentle reset. Your power mantra: "Renew yourself with quiet inaction."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Beavers are the engineers of the natural world. The dams they fabricate not only create shelters for them, but also benefit their entire ecosystem. The ponds and marshes they help shape provide rich habitats for many other species. Boosting biodiversity is their specialty. Their constructions also serve as natural filters, enhancing water quality downstream. Let's make beavers your inspirational symbol for the coming weeks, Taurus. In their spirit, build what's good for you with the intention of making it good for everyone whose life you touch. Ensure that your efforts will generate ripples that nourish your tribe and community

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): I predict that you will soon have reason to celebrate a resounding success. You will claim a well-deserved reward. You may even shiver with amazement and gratification as you marvel at how many challenges you overcame to emerge triumphant. In my view, you will have every right to exude extra pride and radiance. I won't complain if you flirt with a burst of egotism. In accordance with my spirituality, I will tell you, "Remember that this wonder you have spawned will live for a very long time."

 $\pmb{CANCER}$  (June 21-July 22): When you see the stars in the night sky, you're looking at the ancient past. Light from those heavenly bodies may have taken as long as 4,000 years to reach us. So we are beholding them as they used to be, not as they are now. With that as your inspiration, I invite you to spend quality time gazing into your own personal past. Meditate on how your history is alive in you today, making its imprint on all you do and say. Say prayers and write messages to yourself in which you express your awe and appreciation for the epic myth that is your destiny.

 $oldsymbol{LEO}$  (July 23-Aug. 22): I mourn the growing climate calamity that is heating up our beloved planet. Among many other distortions, it has triggered yellow forsythias and blue gentians to blossom during winters in the Austrian Alps — an unprecedented event. At the same time, I am also able to marvel at the strange beauty of gorgeous flowers growing on the winter hills of ski resorts. So my feelings are mixed — paradoxical and confusing — and that's fine with me. I regard it as a sign of soulfulness. May you be so blessed, Leo: full of appreciation for your capacity to hold conflicting

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The quietest place on earth is a room at Microsoft's headquarters near Seattle. It's made of six layers of steel and concrete, and its foundation includes vibration-dampening springs. Within it, you can hear your heartbeat, the swishing of your clothes, and the hum of air molecules colliding. The silence is so eerily profound that many people become flummoxed while visiting. Here's the moral of the story: While you Virgos are naturally inclined to favor order and precision, a modicum of noise and commotion in your life is often beneficial. Like background sounds that keep you oriented, minor wriggles and perturbations ensure you remain grounded. This will be extra important for you to acknowledge in the coming weeks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): To make a Mobius strip, you give a half twist to a strip of paper and attach the ends. You have then created a surface with just one side and one edge. It's a fun curiosity, but it also has practical applications. Using Mobius strips, engineers can design more efficient gears. Machinists make mechanical belts that are Mobius strips because they wear out less quickly. There are at least eight other concrete functions, as well. Let's extrapolate from this to suggest that a similar theme might be arising in your life. What may seem like an interesting but impractical element could reveal its real-world value. You may find unexpected uses for playful features. One of your capacities has dimensions you have not yet explored, but are ready to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sandra Cisneros is a visionary writer with Sun and Mercury in Sagittarius. She is always in quest of the next big lesson and the next exciting adventure. But she also has the Moon, Venus and Saturn in Scorpio. Her sensitive attunement to the hidden and secret aspects of reality is substantial. She thrives on cultivating a profound understanding of her inner world. It took her years to master the art of fully expressing both these sides of her character. I bring this to your attention, Scorpio, because you're primed to go in quest of experiences that will open your heart to novel amazements — even as you connect with previously unknown aspects of your deep self that resonate with those experiences.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The Moeraki Boulders are spread along a beach in New Zealand. Many of the 50 big rocks are nearly perfect spheres and up to six feet in diameter, so they provide a stunning visual feast. Scientists know that they have steadily grown for the last 4 million years, accumulating ever-new layers of minerals. I propose we make them your symbols of power until July 1. In my astrological estimation, you are in a phase of laying long-term groundwork. What may seem to be a tedious accumulation of small, gradual victories is part of a grander undertaking. Like the Moeraki Boulders, your efforts will crystallize into an enduring foundation.

 $\pmb{CAPRICORN}$  (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A Japanese proverb says, "The bamboo that bends with the wind is stronger and more resilient than the oak tree that resists." That's true. When storms bluster, oak branches get broken and blown away. Bamboo may look delicate, but it is actually strong and capable of withstanding high winds. It flourishes by being flexible instead of rigid. That's the approach I recommend to you, Capricorn. Challenges may emerge that inspire you to stay grounded by adapting. Your plans will become optimal as you adjust them. By trusting your natural resilience, you could find unexpected chances for interesting transformation. Your potency will lie in your ability to bend without breaking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Seattle's Space Needle serves as an observation tower. It's 605 feet high. For years, there has been a restaurant with a rotating floor at the top. In its early days, the movement was so brisk that some visitors got dizzy and nauseous. Engineers had to recalibrate the equipment so it was sufficiently leisurely to keep everyone comfortable. Your current situation resembles this story. The right elements are in place, but you need to adjust the timing and rhythm. If there are frustrating glitches, they are clues to the fine-tuning that needs to be done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Octopuses have three hearts, each with a different function. Every one of their eight limbs contains a mini-brain, giving them nine in total. Is there any doubt, then, that they are the patron creature for you Pisceans? No other zodiac sign is more multifaceted than you. No other can operate with grace on so many different levels. I celebrate your complexity, dear Pisces, which enables you to draw such rich experiences into your life and manage such diverse challenges. These qualities will be working at a peak in the coming weeks. For inspiration, consider putting an image of an octopus in your environment.

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